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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Economic Research

SUBJECT : OER/OSR Cooperation in Computer Analysis Systems Development

1. I appreciate receiving copies of your correspondence with the DDI concerning the establishment of an OER Systems Development Staff. I will see that the branches and divisions in OSR are informed of this development and cooperate fully in analytical areas where OSR and OER share common interests.

2. Your note reminds me that it is now nearly a year since we last discussed the subject of research and modelling in the area of Soviet input-output analysis. During this time work has progressed on the OSR Military-Economic Planning Model (MILPLAN). We are now satisfied with its theoretical construct and the computer program can now be run on the Agency's systems.

3. We are proceeding on research to bring MILPLAN to a fully operational status for analytical application. This involves bringing up to date our production function inputs and formulating alternative plan scenarios. The data handling and research required make a systematic approach imperative.

4. To implement such an approach we have prepared a sample Soviet Input-Output Data Handbook, designed a) to catalog all completed, planned and contemplated research, b) to show complete methodology and sourcing for all estimates including any computer programs used in deriving these estimates and c) to reference all pertinent ADP files. An example of what we have in mind is attached.

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5. Most of the data inputs that are required for MILPLAN are general to input-output analysis and are relevant to the interests of both Offices. This would recommend a close coordination of OER and OSR research efforts to assure efficient use of analytical and computer resources. I think a formal exchange between OER and OSR is now in order. Because of the need for a common data base -- some of which is developed from OER research and some from OSR -- I suggest consideration of an inter-office system such as the attached Soviet Input-Output Data Handbook.

6. After your staff has had an opportunity to study this approach, I suggest we get together to exchange views. In the meantime, 25X1A9a [redacted] are available for exploring with your staff the details of developing an inter-office data base and documentation system, with a view toward sharing the research burden and avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort.

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